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In re: U.S. Patent Application of:
Andrew G. SWALES et al.

Application No. 10/003,123

Filed: November 26, 2001

For: MESSAGING APPLICATION LAYER
OVER ETHERNET TO TRANSPORT
LAYER (TCP) COMMUNICATIONS
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A
MODULAR TERMINAL INPUT/OUTPUT
SYSTEM

Docket No: SAA-5-2
Examiner: LEZAK, Arrienne M.
Conf No: 6275
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

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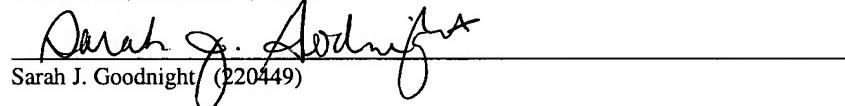
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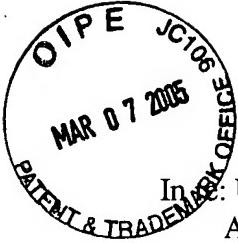
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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 6, 2004. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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